



Primary 4-7

Reading with your child – Some activities you might like to try when your child has their novel home:

- Ask your child to tell you a summary of the last section they read in class.
- Read a page each. Hearing an adult reading aloud is an excellent way for children to learn about pace, expression and fluency.
- If your child is stuck on a word, try using some techniques they are learning in class:
 - Read on
 - Read back
 - Try a different word
 - Use a dictionary – online or paper copy.
 - Ask for help with the word.
- Ask your child to tell you the main ideas from a chapter once they have read it with you.
- Talk to your child about the images that come into your head at specific points of the book. Is there a setting or character that is described really well?
- Talk about what might happen next in the story.
- Real life experience; has what happens in the story ever happened to them?
- Talk about a favourite part of the story or a favourite illustration if relevant.

You could also try some of these alternative types of text to engage and motivate...

